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SUBJECT: U.S. DECISION ON ARMS FOR SOMALIA: KENYAN VIEW

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH ME THIS AFTERNOON, KENYAN VICE PRESIDENT MOI STRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SATISFACTION THAT U.S. HAD DECIDED NOT TO DELIVER ARMS TO SOMALIA AT PRESENT.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM YESTERDAY, DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMSEC KIEREINI FORCEFULLY MADE POINT THAT KENYA'S MAJOR SECURITY PREOCCUPATION WAS WITH SOMALIA AND NOT WITH POSSIBLE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN HORN. KEIEREINI SAID "WHILE WE DO NOT AGREE WITH ETHIOPIAN MARXISM, WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO COOPERATION WITH ETHIOPIA IN FACE OF COMMON THREAT FROM SOMALIA".

3. COMMENT: THUS, CONCLUSION IMPLIED BY SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER, REPORTED IN REFERENCE, THAT KENYA WOULD NOT BE DISTURBED BY U.S. ARMS DELIVERIES TO SOMALIA IF THEY RESULTED IN DECREASE IN SOVIET INFLUENCE

IN HORN IS NOT VALID. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT KENYANS WOULD BE

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MOST UPSET AT ANY U.S. MILITARY SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA, EVEN IN NON-LETHAL ITEMS. END COMMENT.

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